Projected gas output from KG basin

2234. SHRI AMAR SINGH: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Reliance Industries Limited led consortium obtained Government approval to make capital expenditures of USD 2470 millions to develop the KG basin D6 gas discovery;

(b) if so, what was the confirmed gas output per day at the time of approval;

(c) whether the said consortium have recently approached Government for fake increased capital investment in the same fields and if so, the details thereof and what is the projected gas output indicated therein; and

(d) whether the said projection has not even been certified by the DGH and other international experts?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI DINSHA J. PATEL): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Management Committee has approved the development plan for Dhirubhai 1 & 3 in the KG basin. The plan envisages a plateau production of 40 MMSCMD gas with an expenditure of US$ 2.47 billion.

(c) and (d) The consortium of the block has submitted addendum to the development plan to increase the production from 40 MMSCMD to 80 MMSCMD, with an increase in expenditure from US$ to 8.84 Billion.

Strike of retail outlets in Mumbai

2235. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that owners of petrol pumps (retail outlets) had threatened to go on indefinite strike in Mumbai on 18th September, 2006;

(b) whether strike was called off after Government gave some assurance to petrol pump owners; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the action taken to implement the assurance?